

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 MANAMA 00963 022030Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 L-03 INR-07 SS-15 SP-02 /042 W
-----022035Z 098178 /70

R 021015Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4578

S E C R E T MANAMA 963

STADIS

FOR NEA/ARP AND PM/ISO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MORG, PFOR, BA

SUBJECT : MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS: PROPOSED DOCUMENTATION

REF : STATE 98426

1. I APPRECIATE CHANCE TO REVIEW AND TO COMMENT ON DRAFT NOTES CONTAINED REFTEL. DRAFT NOTE TERMINATING PRESENT AGREEMENT WILL, I AM SURE, GIVE GOB NO PROBLEMS WHATEVER; IT IS EXACTLY WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SAID HE WANTED.

2. IN GENERAL, DRAFT COVERING POST-JUNE 30 NAVY PRESENCE HERE OUGHT TO SIT WELL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER THOUGH I WONDER IF WE WANT TO INCLUDE PARA 3 OF THE DECEMBER 23, 1971 AGREEMENT AS ONE OF THOSE WE WISH TO CONTINUE IN FORCE. IT MIGHT APPEAR AS IF GOB HAD SOME RESIDUAL CONTROL OVER AND LINK WITH MIDEASTFOR, WHICH NEITHER WE NOR GOB WOULD DESIRE. SINCE IN FUTURE IT WOULD APPLY ONLY TO NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL, WE MIGHT WANT TO CANCEL PARA 3 -- THEREBY LENGTHENING THE LIST OF THINGS BEING CANCELLED -- AND IF NECESSARY INCLUDE SUBJECT OF NUMBERS IN THE LEASE.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 MANAMA 00963 022030Z

3. AS I HAVE NOTED BEFORE, LEASE WILL BE KEY DOCUMENT AND THE ONE ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS WILL FOCUS MOST CLOSELY. IF FONMIN IS GOING TO PRESS US TO GIVE UP PORTIONS OF SHORE FACILITIES, WHICH HE HAS NOT DONE TO DATE, HE WILL DO IT WHEN WE DISCUSS THE LEASE WHICH COVERS AND DEFINES THOSE FACILITIES. I FEEL THAT FOR OTHER KEY ELEMENTS WHICH LEASE MUST COVER --

TIME IN PORT AND PRESENCE HERE OF FLAG AIRCRAFT, FOR EXAMPLES --
WE ALREADY HAVE FONMIN'S INFORMAL AGREEMENT. IF HIS ANTI-
NAVY BIAS IS GOING TO SURFACE AGAIN, AND IT CERTAINLY HAS
BEEN DORMANT FOR MONTHS, IT WILL MOST LIKELY DO SO IN
BUILDING-BY-BUILDING DISCUSSION OF JUFAR COMPLEX. I STRESS
THIS POINT SO THAT DEPT, AND DOD, WILL NOT SEND OUT DRAFT LEASE
WHICH, LIKE DRAFT NOTES, HAS "LITTLE LEEWAY FOR SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE." WE DO HAVE LEEWAY ON THE GROUND IN THE JUFAR
COMPLEX AND I WOULD HOPE THAT, WITH ADMIRAL CROWE'S ADVICE
AND ASSISTANCE, I WILL BE FREE TO DEAL AUTHORITATIVELY WITH
THIS ASPECT OF LEASE TALKS. APPRECIATE DEPT'S INTENTION TO
SEND LEASE TO THE CONGRESS REGARDLESS OF CASE ACT APPLICABILITY
BUT, AS I UNDERSTAND DOD REGULATIONS, ALL LEASES INVOLVING
MORE THAN \$250,000 ARE ROUTINELY SENT TO HOUSE ARMED SERVICES
COMMITTEE. WOULD THIS NOT BE SUFFICIENT IN ABSENCE OF CASE
ACT APPLICABILITY?

4. IF AND WHEN SUBJECT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE QUID PRO QUO
ENTERS THESE TALKS AGAIN AFTER LONG ABSENCE, IT WOULD BE OF
GREAT HELP IF I COULD HAVE AT LEAST EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF
DEFENSE SURVEY REPORT READY TO HAND TO GOB. REPORT IS LONG
OVERDUE AND IT IS A USG COMMITMENT WHICH WE SHOULD VERY SOON
BE PREPARED TO HONOR.

5. AS DEPT AWARE FROM SEPARATE REPORTING, FOREIGN MINISTER
DEPARTS MAY 2 FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE. HE RETURNS
MAY 5 AND I EXPECT HE WILL BE ANXIOUS TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE
AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. I HOPE WE WILL BE IN A
POSITION TO MOVE AHEAD AT THAT TIME.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 MANAMA 00963 022030Z

CLUVERIUS.

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY BASE AGREEMENTS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MANAMA00963
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770153-0699
Format: TEL
From: MANAMA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t197705104/aaaadmvc.tel
Line Count: 98
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c63fe287-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Reference: 77 STATE 98426
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2332405
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MIDEASTFOR NEGOTIATIONS: PROPOSED DOCUMENTATION
TAGS: MORG, PFOR, MARR, BA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c63fe287-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009